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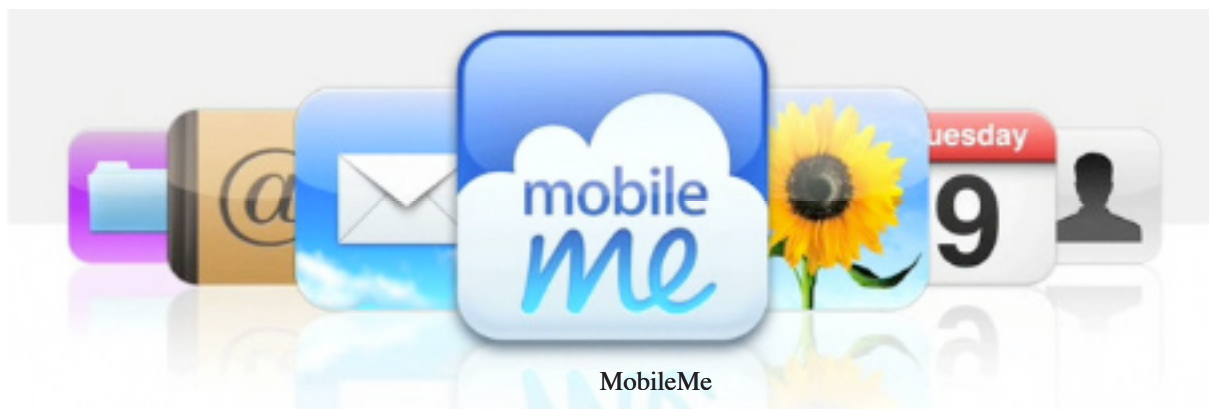
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GENERAL MEETING * THURSDAY * SEPTEMBER 11, 2008
CLUBHOUSE 1 * 7:00 P.M.

"MobileMe" by Dave Osborne and Brian Ramirez of the Irvine Spectrum Apple Store



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6 p.m. "Ask the Gurus" Q & A

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President's Message...

Oddball Internet Connection Problem



I now share a tale of “whoa! that happened to me.” One fine Wednesday morning I was watching the morning news on TV. Suddenly the picture degraded to snow and the volume of static became very loud. The techies call this event loss of signal or LOS. I promptly turned off the power to the TV. Soon thereafter, the TV was back on. Two hours later, Anne announced that she had lost the Internet connection to her iMac. My reaction was ‘not to worry!’ The quick solution was to power cycle the cable modem and the router, if you have one. The power cycle procedure is easy. Unplug the power cable from the cable modem and wait about 30 seconds, then reconnect the power cable to the cable modem. Same procedure for the router. Ha! No Internet!

I called West Coast Internet and they confirmed that my cable modem was connected and working. I called Broadband Services and was told the same thing. I asked for their help to make a house call because my hypotheses was the interruption to the TV and lack of Internet connection was related.

John, the cable guy, showed up at the agreed time and looked things over. All was well from his perspective. I thanked him. The problem was up to me to solve. When trouble shooting, break down the pieces or steps to what you are trying to solve. I connected Anne’s iMac directly to the cable modem, bypassing the router. The Internet connection was up! The router became the focus of my attention. Although the router was showing green lights, nothing was happening.

The next step was to do a hard reset to the router. A hard reset is not a power cycle. While the router is powered up, I inserted the open end of a paper clip and counted fifteen seconds, withdrew the paper clip, removed the power cord, counted fifteen seconds, reconnected the power cable. After a few seconds, the router’s green lights came on and by golly, we had Internet connection. Finally!

Cheers Charles

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*Thursday, September 11, 2008 Clubhouse 1, Main Lounge
7 p.m. Program*

"MobileMe" by Dave Osborne and Brian Ramirez of the Irvine Spectrum Apple Store

Apple recently announced a new Internet service called MobileMe - taking the best of .Mac and adding a host of new features. For current .Mac member, their account will be automatically upgraded to MobileMe in July. For a closer look, watch the MobileMe Guided Tour and read below for an overview of the new service.

MobileMe is a new Internet service for keeping your email, contacts (Address Book), and calendar in sync, accessible and updatable from any Mac or PC, wherever you are. To access your MobileMe, simply go to www.me.com and sign in using either your dot-Mac ID and password or your new MobileMe ID and password. All dot-Mac owners have been transitioned to MobileMe automatically.

With MobileMe, you'll enjoy features that take advantage of seamless integration with Mac OS X and iLife - Back to My Mac; access to your iDisk in the Finder; Mac-to-Mac syncing of Dock items, preferences, and more; iWeb site publishing; and photo and movie sharing directly from iPhoto '08 and iMovie '08.

New web applications for when you're away from your Mac: MobileMe features a suite of web applications at www.me.com that have the familiar look and feel of the applications on your Mac. Because these web applications stay in sync with your Mac and other devices, you'll have the same information wherever you go. Here's what you'll find at me.com: Mail, the anchor of the new suite, is even better with a refined interface. Contacts (Address Book) has a new three-pane interface, contact groups, maps integration, search, and photo support.

Calendar is a brand-new web application that feels just like iCal, featuring multiple calendars, click-and-drag event creation, and more.

Gallery lets you manage your collection of shared photos and movies from anywhere. You can now upload photos, rearrange their order, and set sharing preferences, all from a browser.

iDisk now has the familiar look of the Mac OS X Finder. It features drag-and-drop filing and an easy new way to share large documents, by sending an email with a link for downloading the file.

Account lets you manage settings such as storage allocation.

To use the new web applications, make sure you have one of these browsers: Safari 3, Internet Explorer 7, or Firefox 2 or later.

In addition to Mac-to-Mac syncing, MobileMe now keeps your iPhone, your iPod touch, and even a PC in sync. MobileMe pushes new contacts, calendar items, and bookmarks to your Mac or PC, and over the air to your iPhone or iPod touch. For example, if you add a calendar event on the web, the change will automatically be pushed to your Mac and iPhone. New email will be pushed to your iPhone in seconds, eliminating the need to check for messages manually.

If you are a current dot-Mac (now MobileMe) subscriber, you can continue to use your mac.com address for email. You will also be issued a "me.com" email address with the same user name that you can use if you prefer. The choice is yours.

Double the online storage. To give you plenty of space for your email, photos, and other files, MobileMe doubles your storage from 10GB to 20GB for an individual subscription.

Following the presentation, the Dave and Brian will answer questions from the audience.

Door Prizes

Three door prizes will be given to lucky winners in the audience (must be Mac Club members and present).

If you don't drive at night:

The Night Bus (597-4659) is available for your convenience.

Here are the names of the Door Prize winners of the July & August, 2008, General meeting,
in the order drawn:

Claudia Smith Don Piehler Ted Mille Chuck Smith Louise Doslu

"Anne's Corner"



iTunes Plus - Copyright-Free Music from Apple

If you ever created and emailed a slide show that included music you purchased from the iTunes Store, chances are the recipient of your slide show was unable to hear the music because it was in "protected" AAC file format and limited to being played on only a selected number of iMacs.

Apple came to the rescue and is now offering copyright-free music. These pieces are marked with a plus sign in the Price column:

These files can also be converted to MP3 format in iTunes by control-clicking on the item and selecting "Convert Selection to MP3."

If you wish to convert some of your current, protected AAC files to MP3, burn them to a CD and then import them back into iTunes as MP3. Set the iTunes Preferences > Advanced > Importing > Import Using: MP3 Encoder.

Enjoy!
Anne

A Note from Anne Clark....

I wonder if someone would like to become "Product Liaison" for our club. I get offers from software companies to give us free review copies of their software. They are usually start-up companies with software that would interest most of our members. But there may be someone in the club who would be interested in using the software and seeing if it is something worth pursuing. If someone is interested, let me know. Anne Clark

Mac OS X Help web site

Hello, my name is Scott Haneda. Many years ago I was part of BMUG (Berkeley Macintosh Users Group) with my father. It has been a long time since I participated in a MUG, but always remember them being a great place. I actually remember trading floppy discs with other members.

I would like to announce a Macintosh help site that may be of interest to some of your members. At the very least, it should be of interest to friends of your members who are not advanced Macintosh users.

The site is called OS X Help <http://osxhelp.com/>

If there is anything I can do to help help your MUG, please, let me know. It is important to me to be supportive of the very groups that helped me to learn how to use a Macintosh. In part, the site is my way of giving back to such an exceptional community of users. Thanks for your time.

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Scott Haneda
osxhelp.com

Remembering Linda Lee....Charles Clark

Linda Lee passed away in late July, succumbing to two blood cancers. Linda held positions in the club as Board Member, Supervisor, Librarian, and later as book buyer, a very aggressive book buyer. She was a fanatic Mac advocate. She would agree with that statement. She also spent her time shopping at Bloomingdale's and the Apple Store, in that order. Even when Linda was confined to a wheelchair, off she would go to visit her friends at the Newport Beach, Fashion Island Apple store. She also was a big shopper on the QVC television network.

She was very successful in recruiting PC users over to the Mac. I understand that Michael Moore is one of her recruits. Linda liked to keep our keyboards clean with alcohol wipes. However, she had little regard for folks that came into the Learning Center with a cold. Some of her supplies are still with our other cleaning supplies in the Learning Center.

She used her Mac to find her cousin, Astrid, then unknown to Linda, in Norway. Astrid would visit Linda in California and the two would make car trips to various places in our great state. Linda also visited Astrid and her family in Norway. Linda never married, and finding a relative was a big comfort to Linda. Astrid made several trips to visit Linda and was an invaluable aid to Linda.

Linda Joan Lee

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Label Printing Wim Vermolen

We are all aware of labels, those used on envelopes (delivery address and return address), those used on products we purchase, those used on folders in manual filing, etc. Until now "Address Book" in the Macintosh has made it possible for us to print some labels easily on our computer. But for us to print specialized labels, such as used on CD's, business cards, photo ID's, or even name badges, it was necessary to purchase special software. Avery, the biggest maker of blank label stock, in the interest of increasing sales, decided that everybody should have such software. The good news is that Avery has just released such software for both Mac Operating Systems Tiger (10.4) and Leopard (10.5).

The even better news is that the software is free and it can be downloaded from the Avery website. A User Guide can be downloaded separately. Go to <http://www.avery.com/mac>, fill in your name and email address, and download the program "DesignPro for Mac". I think you'll be glad you did.

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Google 411 ... Wim Vermolen

Just like Apple, Google is a very innovative company with a regular output of new programs.

Recently, they introduced free telephone information service for businesses that also connects you automatically.

So, if you want to make reservations for a particular restaurant tonight and need the telephone number, do not dial the costly 411, but dial 800-GOOG-411 (1-800-466-4411) and enjoy the evening.

Additional information can be found on <http://www.google.com/goog411>.

Making the Most Out of Our Library

Have you read a book that you found helpful? Enough to share what you liked about it with our members?

Have you read a book that didn't help at all? This is also a way we can help each other.

What about a CD or DVD that improved your skill level?

Was it easy to follow?

Or was it a waste of time?

This kind of sharing helps everyone.

I'd be happy to publish your comments in our newsletter.

Gladys Greene, Editor

Macintosh Learning Center

--- Shell Weinberg

Laguna Woods Town Centre

Laguna Woods Village Community Center, 3rd floor

Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday

Introducing the helpful and dedicated volunteer Supervisors...

who give their time generously to support our Club and the Macintosh Learning Center. These volunteers are not paid and receive no compensation for the many hours they spend at the Learning Center.

This small group, out of about 400 LWVMC club members, are exceptional people. They give their time freely with the only possible motivation being their attitude to want to help others here in our Laguna Woods Village community.

They deserve to be acknowledged and appreciated.

MONDAY	9:00 to 12:00	Gladys Greene PageMaker, InDesign, general Mac use
	12:00 to 3:00	Louise Doslu general Mac use, long time Mac user
TUESDAY	9:00 to 12:00	Wim Vermolen OS X, all versions, general Mac use, in-home tutoring
	12:00 to 3:00	Craig Hoyt Macintosh Specialist, all things Mac
WEDNESDAY	9:00 to 12:00	Faye Pearl general Mac use
	12:00 to 3:00	Shell Weinberg Pages, Numbers, OS X, Word Processing, in-home tutoring
THURSDAY	9:00 to 12:00	Charles Clark Installation & repair Mac computers and software, Internet, email, house calls
	12:00 to 3:00	Anne & Charles Clark ANNE: iPhoto, Photoshop Elements, email, Internet, iTunes, web page creation, eBay, in-home tutoring
FRIDAY	9:00 to 12:00	Dennis McGovern general Mac use
	12:00 to 3:00	Michael Moore iMovie, iTunes, general Mac use
Alternates:		Murray Massin Fundamentals & Basics, Beginner's info
		Bob Payne general Mac use
		Ned Read general Mac use





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Calendar ■ **September 2008**

LABOR DAY (L.C. CLOSED)

* **e-Mail / Internet CLASS** (*Anne Clark*)

Comp BEGINNERS' SESSION (*Murray Massin*)

* **Mac for Dummies & Pages class** (*Shell Weinberg*)

GENERAL MEETING

BOARD Meeting in *Spruce Room (Adm. Bdg.)*

* **Photoshop Elements 6 CLASS** (*Anne Clark*)

iMovie Q & A (*Michael Moore*)

* **INTERMEDIATE OS X CLASS** (*Wim Vermolen*)

Monday, September 1

Thursday, September 4 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Friday, September 5 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Wednesday, September 10 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Thursday, September 11 6:00 - 8:15 pm

Tuesday, September 16 1:15 - 3:30 pm

Thursday, September 18 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Friday, September 26 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Tuesday, September 30 1:00 - 3:00 pm

ALL CLASSES (*) ARE DROP-IN with a request for a \$2 donation

Macintosh Computer Learning Center is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

EXCEPT when Classes are given it will be closed, and on **September 1 (Holiday)**

Schedule subject to change, see <http://www.themacclub.org> for the latest information

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